

August 4, 2003

Gary A. Everson
Acting Administrator
Telecommunications Division
Public Service Commission of Wisconsin
610 North Whitney Way
Madison, WI 53705-2729

Dear Mr. Everson:

Re: Commission Review Of and Response To
the FCC's Triennial Review Order
Relative To Network Unbundling
Obligations and Related Issues

Pursuant to the Notice of Investigation in the above-entitled docket, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(2m) and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 2.21, Z-Tel Communications, Inc., and Talk America, Inc., hereby request full-party status in this proceeding for all of the purposes accorded by law.

Submitted with this notice of intent to participate, Z-Tel and Talk America have included an original and 20 copies of their Statement of Interest, with attachments A, B and C. The Commission's June 25, 2003 notice indicated that this Statement was to have been filed by Noon on August 4, 2003. However, Talk America and Z-Tel request late acceptance of these filings pursuant to Section 2.05 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Practice. More specifically, Z-Tel and Talk America request that they be permitted to file their Statement with the Commission on the morning of August 5, 2003. Z-Tel and Talk America were unable to submit their comments within the time period originally set by the Commission due to other commitments of counsel for Z-Tel and Talk America. Because the Commission has indicated that the comments submitted by the parties are non-binding, and are only advisory to the Commission, Z-Tel and Talk do not believe any party will be prejudiced by this late submission.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours truly,

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